

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the title of the application as follows:

WATER REPELLANT CIGARETTE PAPER

On page 2, preceding line 16, please insert the following new paragraphs:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a schematic illustration showing the method according to the present invention wherein two layers of cellulose derivatives are applied on one side of a paper.

Figure 2 is a schematic illustration showing an alternative embodiment of the present invention wherein one layer of cellulose derivative is applied on one side of a paper and a second layer of cellulose derivative is applied on the opposite side of the paper.

Figure 3 is a side view and cross-sectional views of a cigarette according to the present invention. --

On page 2, preceding line 22, please insert the following new paragraphs:

-- Fig. 1 shows the steps of applying a first coating layer 3 on a cigarette paper 2 using a coating roller 6 and a coating solution 5. The cigarette paper is moved between rollers 6 and 7 to the right where a second coating roller 6 imprints a second layer 4 on the lower side of the cigarette paper 2. Between the two printing steps the cigarette paper 2 is allowed to dry.

Fig. 2 shows applying a first coating on the first side of the paper 2 using a coating roller 6 and roller 7 according to the embodiment of Fig. 1. A second coating roller 6 imprints a second layer on the opposite side of the paper (lower coating roller 6).

Fig. 3 shows a side view of an embodiment of a cigarette 1 and a tobacco column 10 wrapped in the paper 2. The coating layers 3, 4 are on the inside of the cigarette 1; both layers are applied on the same side of the paper 2. Also shown is a cutting view along the

lines A-A' where the paper 2, the layers 3, 4 and tobacco 10 are visible. Similarly, the cutting view along B-B' shows on the outside the paper 2 and by moving towards the center of the cigarette the two layers 3 and 4 and the tobacco 10 are recognizable. --